

South Dakota Advisory Panel for Children with Disabilities Membership and Duties

Membership of Panel

The membership of the State advisory panel must consist of members appointed by the Governor. The membership should be representative of the State population and composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with the education of children with disabilities, including -

- (1) Parents of children with disabilities
- (2) Individuals with disabilities
- (3) Teachers
- (4) Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel
- (5) State and local education officials
- (6) Administrators of programs for children with disabilities
- (7) Representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities
- (8) Representatives of private schools and public charter schools
- (9) At least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
- (10) Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies.

Special rule. A majority of the members of the panel must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.

Advisory Panel Functions

Functions of the panel are:

1. Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities.
2. Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities.
3. Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act.
4. Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act.
5. Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.
6. Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions.
7. Advising on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons. The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons.